Supply of power to Railways

278. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any single pricing formula has been worked out for supply of power to railways by the various State Electricity Boards; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Purchase of civilian airplanes from Soviet Union

279. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are buying civilian airplanes from the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what advantage these airplanes will have over the existing ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Aviation Industry of Soviet Union has offered to sell aircraft like YAK-42, AN-28 TU-204 and IL-96. Consultation have been held with the manufactures covering technical matters like fuel consumption, carriage capacity, etc. The acquisition of aircraft has not been finalised. The advantages of the aircraft are under examination.

Widening of National Highways during Seventh Plan

280. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of scheme for widening of National Highways in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what is the expenditure proposed to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Seventh Five Year Plan for National Highways includes a provision for widening of 3396 Kms. to two lanes at an estimated cost of Rs. 228.74 crores and widening of another 1626 Kms. to four lanes at an estimated cost of Rs. 1142.83 crores.

Measures taken by U.K. against terrorists

281. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new legislation against terrorism recently passed by the U.K. Parliament vests with the U.K. Government, if so, what are the details of additional power given to detect and prosecute the Khalistani terrorists who are operating from U.K.;

(b) if so, what is the number of terrorists apprehened since the adoption of the new law; and

(c) what are the details of other measures taken by the U.K. Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The U.K. Government has enacted a new Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1989 which came into force on 22 March, 1989. In the earlier PTA of

1984 soliciting or making available money or other property for use in acts of terrorism related to Northern Ireland was an offence. In the new PTA this provision has been extended to international terrorism as well.

The British authorities have given us to understand that the PTA will enable them to control banking transactions undertaken by Sikh extremists in U.K.

(b) The PTA came into force on 22.3.1989 and we have so far not received any information on apprehension of any culprits.

(c) The U.K. authorities have taken legal action in cases where criminal acts have been committed.

Meeting of JCM Council for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

282. SHRIMATI BIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been provided that the Council set up under the JCM Scheme for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan should meet at least twice a year:

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the violation of the provision; and

(c) whether any meeting of the Central Council is proposed to be held in the near future, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) According to the Rules for the conduct of Business of the Council under the JCM for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, ordinary meetings of the Council shall be held not less than once in four months viz. in February, June and October each year. The last meeting was held in August, 1988. The next meeting could not be convened as the staff side of the Council could not elect their leader and Secretary as provided in the scheme of JCM. They have intimated the names of their leader and Secretary for the session 1989-90 on 21-4-89. Necessary steps are being taken to convene the next meeting of JCM in June, 1989.

Revival of offers of appointments of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

283. SHRIMATI VIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether offers to promotees and direct appointees for the posts of Post Graduate Teachers and Vice-Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas issued in 1988 have been revieved or are being revived in 1989;

(b) if so, what are the names of these promotees and direct appointees; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Offers of appointment have been revived in respect of 18 PGTs promoted to the grade of Vice-Principals and in respect of 37 TGTs promoted to the grade of PGTs and 59 direct recruits to the grade of PGTs.

Facilities to gifted handicapped children

284. DR. R. K. POODAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPENT be pleased to state what are the details of facilities/provisions of education for gifted handicapped children in Kendriya Vidyalaya in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): With a view to provide help, guidance and adequate